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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-445, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-445, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-445. Residents of unorganized territory; school district
5 elections; establishment of school district

6 A. The county school superintendent, on receiving notification from
7 the state school superintendent pursuant to section 15-825.02, subsection B,
8 shall do all of the following before calling an election:

9 1. Establish the boundaries of the proposed unified school district,
10 taking into consideration communities of interest and excluding Indian
11 reservations and other federal lands where reasonable to do so.

12 2. Identify adjacent school districts that accept at least twenty-five
13 per cent of their open enrollment or certificate of educational convenience
14 students from the unorganized territory and that are willing to accept the
15 unorganized territory into the existing school district.

16 3. Prepare a ballot question that includes the proposed boundaries and
17 identifies existing adjacent school districts that are willing to accept the
18 unorganized territory into the existing school district. The ballot shall
19 list the financial impact for a homeowner based on the property taxes on a
20 one hundred thousand dollar home on each of the following options and shall
21 require the voters within the boundaries proposed by the county school
22 superintendent to select one of the following options:

23 (a) ~~The establishment of~~ ESTABLISHING a new unified school district
24 within the boundaries proposed.

25 (b) Joining an existing adjacent school district.

26 B. The county school superintendent shall schedule the election on the
27 next available general election date allowed by law.

28 C. After a canvass of the vote and a determination by the county
29 school superintendent that a majority of the voters approves the
30 establishment of a new unified school district, the county school
31 superintendent shall notify the state board of education that the school
32 district is established and that the new unified school district will become
33 operational at the beginning of the next school year. The county school
34 superintendent shall appoint the initial governing board of the new unified
35 school district.

36 D. If the newly established unified school district is not able to
37 provide a complete academic program to the students within the school
38 district, the newly established unified school district may transport the
39 students to an adjacent school district pursuant to section 15-824.

40 E. On a canvass of the vote and a determination by the county school
41 superintendent that a majority of the voters approves joining an existing
42 adjacent school district, the county school superintendent shall notify the
43 existing school district of the following:

1 1. That the boundaries of the school district shall be revised to
2 include the property identified in the boundaries established by the county
3 school superintendent.

4 2. That the school district shall provide the same educational
5 services that are currently provided to students who reside in current
6 boundaries of the school district to all students within the revised
7 boundaries at the beginning of the next school year.

8 F. A school district that is formed pursuant to this section is not
9 eligible for the small school adjustment prescribed in section 15-949, the
10 small school district weight prescribed in section 15-943 or the small
11 isolated school district weight prescribed in section 15-943.